

MULTI-USE LETTER TO PARENTS SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAMS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The _____ School/District takes part in the National School Lunch/School Breakfast Program. Meals are served every school day. Children may buy lunch for _____ and breakfast for _____. Meals are also available free or at a reduced price.

- If you now receive Food Stamps, Cash Assistance (CA) or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits for your child, that child may be eligible to receive free meals.
- If your total household income is at or below the amounts on the income chart, your child may be eligible to receive free meals or reduced-price meals for _____ for lunch and _____ for breakfast.
- If you have a foster child, that child may be eligible for benefits regardless of your income.

INCOME CHART

Effective July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005

Household Size	Annual	Month	Week
1.....	\$17,224	\$1,436	\$332
2.....	23,107	1,926	445
3.....	28,990	2,416	558
4.....	34,873	2,907	671
5.....	40,756	3,397	784
6.....	46,639	3,887	897
7.....	52,522	4,377	1,011
8.....	58,405	4,868	1,124
Each additional member add	+5,883	+491	+114

HOW TO APPLY:

If you are currently receiving Food Stamps or CA benefits, a *Free Meals Program Letter* **will not be mailed to you**. The School/District now has access to a Direct Certification System and is able to verify households receiving DES benefits. These children will be automatically qualified to receive free meals. The School/District will notify the household of the child's free meal benefits. If you are currently receiving FDPIR benefits, you will receive a letter indicating that you are certified to receive FDPIR. A copy of this letter may be obtained from your Indian Tribal Organization. If you wish for your child to receive free meal benefits, please submit a copy of this letter to your child's school. If you have not received a copy of this letter, complete the application with your child's name, FDPIR case number and the signature of one adult household member.

If you do not receive Food Stamps, CA or FDPIR, complete the application with the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each household member receives, how often the income is received, where the income comes from, and the signature and social security number of one adult household member. If the adult signing the application does not have a social security number, please check the appropriate box.

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OTHER INFORMATION:

- **VERIFICATION:** Your eligibility may be checked by school officials at any time during the school year. You may be asked to send information to prove that your child should receive free or reduced-price meals.
- **FAIR HEARING:** If you do not agree with the school's decision on your application or the results of verification, you may wish to discuss it with the school. You also have the right to a fair hearing by calling or writing the following official:

Name _____ Phone: _____

Address _____

- **CONFIDENTIALITY:** The information that you give will be used to determine your child(ren)'s eligibility for free or reduced-price meals. This information may also be used for: _____. If you want to be eligible for _____ check the box on Part 7 of the application and certify with your signature.
- **REAPPLICATION:** You may apply for free and reduced-price meals at any time during the school year. If you have a decrease in household income, an increase in household size, become unemployed or receive food stamps, CA or FDPIR for your child, complete another application.
- **CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES:** If a child has been determined by a doctor to be handicapped and the handicap would prevent the child from eating the regular school meal, this school will make any substitutions prescribed by the doctor. If a substitution is needed, there will be no extra charge for the meal. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a handicap, please call us for further information.

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Applications will be determined by_____.

(Name/Title of Determining Official)

You will be notified when the application is approved or denied.